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California Sport Fishing Regulations for SMITH RIVER

BODY OF WATER	OPEN SEASON AND SPECIAL REGULATIONS	DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT
Main stem from the mouth to confluence of Middle and South forks.* Middle Fork from	4th Saturday in May - April 30. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from 4th Saturday in May to August 31. 4th Saturday in May - March 31.	1 wild trout or steelhead over 16 inches total length (5 per year)◆ OR 1 hatchery trout◆ OR 1 hatchery steelhead◆ & 1 king (Chinook) salmon & 2 cutthroat trout:
the mouth to Patrick Creek.*	Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from 4th Saturday in May to August 31.	minimum size 10 inches.
Middle Fork above the mouth of Patrick Creek.	4th Saturday in May - October 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 cutthroat trout: minimum size 10 inches. No other salmonids may be taken.
South Fork from the mouth upstream approx. 1,000 feet to the county road (George Tryon) bridge and Craigs Creek to Jones Creek.*	4th Saturday in May - March 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from the 4th Saturday in May to August 31.	1 wild trout or steelhead over 16 inches total length (5 per year)◆ OR 1 hatchery trout◆ OR 1 hatchery steelhead◆ & 1 king (Chinook) salmon & 2 cutthroat trout: minimum size 10 inches.
South Fork from George Tryon Bridge upstream to mouth of Craigs Creek.	Closed to fishing all year.	
South Fork above the mouth of Jones Creek.	4th Saturday in May - October 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks allowed. (OVER)	2 cutthroat trout: minimum size 10 inches. No other salmonids may be taken.

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North Fork from the mouth to Stony Creek.*	4th Saturday in May - March 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used from the 4th Saturday in May to August 31.	1 wild trout or steelhead over 16 inches total length (5 per year) ◆ OR 1 hatchery trout ◆ OR 1 hatchery steelhead ◆ & 1 king (Chinook) salmon & 2 cutthroat trout: minimum size 10 inches.
North Fork above the mouth of Stony Creek.	4th Saturday in May - October 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used.	2 cutthroat trout: minimum size 10 inches. No other salmonids may be taken.
For all other anadromous waters not listed above.*	4th Saturday in May - October 31. Only artificial lures with	0

* Stream Closures - Special Low Flow Conditions:

→October 1 - January 31 for the main stem of the Smith River from the mouth of Rowdy Creek to its confluence with Patrick Creek; the South Fork Smith River from the mouth to its confluence with Jones Creek; and the North Fork Smith River from the mouth to its confluence with Stony Creek.

barbless hooks may be used.

- → Minimum flow: 400 cfs measured at the Jedediah Smith Redwoods SP gaging station.
- → The Department of Fish and Game determines flow conditions for Tuesday and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and Saturday through Monday. Call (707) 442-4502 to check if the Smith River will be open or closed to fishing. The recorded message is updated by 1 P.M. each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Silver (coho) salmon - Silver salmon are fully protected at the state and federal level as a threatened species. Coho may not be taken from any California waters. Incidentally hooked coho salmon must be immediately released unharmed to the waters where they were hooked.

◆ Hatchery trout or steelhead are those missing an adipose fin and having a healed scar. Wild trout or steelhead are those having an intact adipose fin.

Refer to California Sport Fishing Regulations and the latest supplements for more details, or call the California Department of Fish and Game in Eureka at (707) 445-6493. Regulations are effective through February 28, 2008 unless modified.